

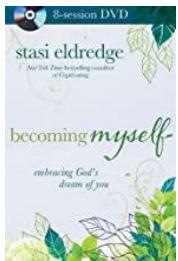


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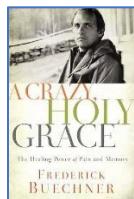
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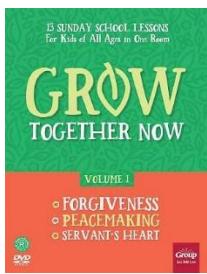
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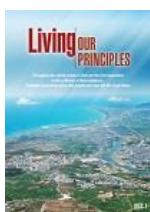
BECOMING MYSELF: EMBRACING GOD'S DREAM OF YOU (102128) Author: Eldredge, Stasi. In this eight-session DVD study, Stasi Eldredge explores why the most important journey you can take is the one into becoming your true self through the love of God. Sessions: 1) Does anyone really change? 2) Looking back with mercy/the landscape of our lives; 3) Our mothers, ourselves; 4) From accepting to embracing/from fear to desire; 5) The company of women/beauty forged in suffering; 6) Stumbling into freedom; 7) Becoming a woman of faith and worship; 8) Becoming our true name/take heart. DVD segments are approx. 15 min. long. Includes study guide and hardback book. Age: Adult. 122 Minutes.



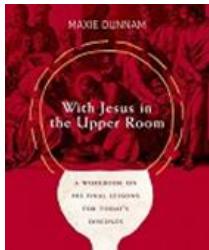
CRAZY, HOLY GRACE: THE HEALING POWER OF PAIN AND MEMORY (103144) Author: Buechner, Frederick and Poteet, Michael. Each of us experiences pain. Though time really does help to heal wounds, nothing can erase our memories. In this four-session DVD study, we learn about the healing power of memory and how to use past goodnesses and graces from God to close old wounds. Sessions: 1) The gates of pain (12 min.); 2) A crazy, holy grace (14 min.); 3) The magical room of memory (11 min.); 4) The struggle and hope of memory (13 min.). Includes leader's guide, participant guide, and paperback book. CLOSED CAPTIONED. Age: Adult. 50 Minutes.



GROW TOGETHER NOW: VOLUME 1 -- FORGIVENESS, PEACEMAKING, SERVANT'S HEART (107112) Author: Brolsma, Jody, editor. **13 Sunday School Lessons For Kids of All Ages in One Room.** This book and accompanying DVD includes plans for 13 lessons on forgiveness (trusting God to help me love others who hurt me), peacemaking (getting along with others), and servant's heart (thinking of others before I think of myself). DVD segments are 3-5 minutes long -- two lessons (#9 and #10) do not have a DVD component. Lessons: 1) We seek forgiveness with God's help (Gen. 32:9-12; 33:1-4 -- Esau forgives Jacob); 2) God wants us to show forgiveness to others (Mt. 18:21-35 -- Jesus tells about the unmerciful servant); 3) We can forgive others as we've been forgiven (Mk. 2:1-12 -- Jesus heals a paralyzed man); 4) Anyone can be forgiven (Acts 9:1-19 -- Saul's conversion on the road to Damascus); 5) God helps us get along with our families (Gen. 13:1-18 -- Abram and Lot work out their differences); 6) We make peace (Gen. 31:4-55 -- Laban pursues Jacob); 7) We pray when people are mean (Neh. 4:1-9 -- enemies threaten Nehemiah); 8) God gives us peace (Mt. 6:25-34 -- Jesus teaches about peace); 9) We bring peace (Phil. 1:4-22 -- Onesimus returns to Philemon); 10) Jesus wants us to serve others (Mt. 20:20-28 -- the disciples argue); 11) We can serve others as Jesus did (Jn. 13:1-17 -- Jesus washes the disciples' feet); 12) We serve God with our family (Josh. 24:14-18 -- Joshua's family serves God); 13) We serve everyone (Lk. 10:30-37 -- the good Samaritan). 39 Minutes.



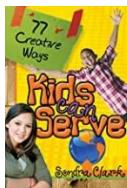
LIVING OUR PRINCIPLES: UNITED METHODIST SOCIAL PRINCIPLES (112120) Featuring the stories of persons in the United States and around the world, this DVD series explores the question: 'Who is our neighbor?' As people of faith, we live in a world not yet fully realized as the realm of God. We believe that by grace God's kingdom is within our reach as we put our faith into action, transforming both the personal body and the body politic, the mind, and the soul into the image and reflection of Christ. Session 1) The Natural World - in the face of nature's turbulent change communities put their principles into action (43 min.); 2) Nurturing Community - individuals and communities nurture and support those who have suffered, offering restoration and healing (38 min.); 3) Together in Community - forming partnerships to meet the needs of others (44 min.); 4) Economic Community - communities and persons work to create a more just and stable society (48 min.); 5) Politics, Power and the World - persons who take public office because of their faith (50 min.). 6) A selection of stories from previous episodes (55 min.). Includes guide. Age: High school - Adult.



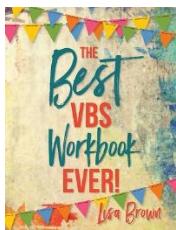
WITH JESUS IN THE UPPER ROOM: A STUDY OF HIS FINAL LESSONS FOR TODAY'S DISCIPLES (123104)

Author: Dunnam, Maxie. In this seven-session DVD study, Maxie Dunnam explores John 13-17. Sessions: Introduction (7 min.); 1) Having loved His own, He loved them to the end (4 min.); 2) A foot-washing style of life (9 min.); 3) Promises, promises (9 min.); 4) Christ's chosen people (11 min.); 5) Joy in relationship with Christ (8 min.); 6) God's continuing advocacy (9 min.); 7) Listening to Jesus pray (11 min.). The study consists of daily assignments (found in the study book) and weekly group discussions during which you will view the week's DVD segment. A study book for each participant will need to be purchased. Includes leader's guide and sample study book. **Age:** Adult. 61 Minutes.

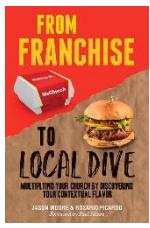
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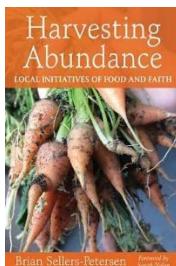
77 CREATIVE WAYS KIDS CAN SERVE (815104) **Author:** Clark, Sondra. Step-by-step directions on ways kids can serve in their home, school, and community -- service projects with animals, volunteer ideas for crafty kids, activities connected with recycling and the environment; collecting items for those in need. **Age:** Adult. 175 Pages.



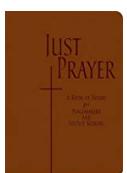
BEST VBS WORKBOOK EVER! (817037) **Author:** Brown, Lisa. This book provides information to help you build your own Vacation Bible School experience. Topics include planning the vision (audience, goals, theme), executing the vision (planning, staffing, marketing, budgeting, registering), living into the vision (music, arts and crafts, prayer and worship, games, snacks, decorations, etc.), and the vision becomes a reality (building a schedule, your staff, emergency preparedness, safety training, continuing the relationship). **Age:** Adult. 150 Pages.



FROM FRANCHISE TO LOCAL DIVES: MULTIPLYING YOUR CHURCH BY DISCOVERING YOUR CONTEXTUAL FLAVOR (820075) **Author:** Moore, Jason and Picardo, Rosario. Authors Jason Moore and Rosario Picardo encourage church leaders to learn about and adapt to their local communities. Chapters: Introduction; Franchise - established churches; The local drive - organic communities; Menu planning - the covenant agreement; Eat fresh - new possibilities; Discovering your local flavor - incarnational ministry; Team cuisine - fostering collaboration; Worth the wait - essential ingredients; To go box - next steps. **Age:** Adult. 238 Pages.



HARVESTING ABUNDANCE: LOCAL INITIATIVES OF FOOD AND FAITH (817126) **Author:** Sellers-Petersen, Brian. As Christians, we are called to be good stewards of the land and to share its produce. Learn how congregations, schools, and organizations across the United States are reaching out to their neighborhoods to share God's story of abundance through a variety of agricultural initiatives, offering inspiration to all of us to nurture our own relationship with our Creator -- and with each other -- by planting a garden and feeding the hungry. Includes color photos. **Age:** Adult. 152 Pages.



JUST PRAYER: A BOOK OF HOURS FOR PEACEMAKERS AND JUSTICE SEEKERS (818144) **Author:** Benders, Alison. Four weeks of daily morning and evening prayers on the following themes: Justice Ordained/Recognizing God's command to live justly; Injustice Lamented/Standing with those who suffer injustice; Justice Practiced/Claiming our responsibility to establish justice; Justice Celebrated/Celebrating God's justice and the promise of peace. Includes bibliography. **Age:** Adult. 190 Pages.



UNSTUCK CHURCH: EQUIPPING CHURCHES TO EXPERIENCE SUSTAINED HEALTH (817185) **Author:** Morgan, Tony. Chapters: The life cycle of churches; Launch - let's build something new!; Momentum growth -- it's going to be a wild ride!; Strategic growth -- plan your work and work your plan; Sustained health -- becoming the church God designed it to be; Maintenance -- it's time to embrace a new vision all over again; Preservation -- the church must change to survive; Life support -- it's time to embrace a new beginning; Parting words. **Age:** Adult. 205 Pages.